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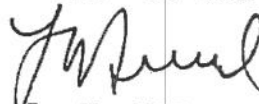
PROMOTION BRANCH COMMENT on MARFORRES request of 9 Jan 06

Subj: AUTHORITY OF RESERVE COMMANDERS TO PROMOTE OR REDUCE
ACTIVE DUTY MARINES WITHIN THEIR COMMAND

1. The Promotion Branch (MMPR) has been asked to provide an opinion on Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps comment on the subject of the authority of reserve commanders to promote or reduce active duty Marines within their command.
2. Per paragraph 1200.3b(1) of MCO P1400.32C (ENLPROMAN), commanders major and above having the authority to convene special courts-martial are granted promotion authority to promote enlisted Marines to the grades of private first class through sergeant. There is no distinction made between the active duty commander and the reserve commander. Both have the authority to promote Marines listed in the above grades by virtue of the special courts-martial convening authority. Paragraph 1200.3b(7) of MCO P1400.32C, refers specifically to those commanders, major and above, who may not have special courts-martial convening authority, but still have the authority per the Manual for Courts-Martial to reduce those Marines within the grades of their promotion authority.
3. In their conclusion, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps states that by virtue of the special courts-martial convening authority, that commanders of Marine Corps Reserve battalions and squadrons are thereby authorized to promote and reduce all Marines, PFC through Sgt, under their command. Reserve Affairs defines the term, 'under their command', to mean under their table of organization (T/O). Reserve Affairs delineates the T/O for the Inspector-Instructor staff and the Reserve Command as two separate T/O. As such, MMPR's position, in accordance with MCO P1400.32C, is that each commander exercises promotion authority over the Marines underneath their respective commands. Therefore, MMPR concurs with SJA to CMC that both the Reserve Commander and the Inspector-Instructor commander will have promotion authority over the Marines assigned under their command (T/O).

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